

CHILE

CHILE: New Mexico chile production increased 68 percent over the 1999 crop which was affected by disease and weather conditions. Harvested acreage increased 17 percent to 19,000 acres in 2000. This was 2,800 above 1999, but 2,500 below the 1998 acreage.

Average yield for the 2000 chile crop was 5.2 tons per acre, an increase of 44 percent. All varieties showed increases over the previous year.

The value of the 2000 crop totaled \$48,910,000, an increase of 54 percent over 1999. The Long Mild varieties continue to account for the largest portion of the chile crop.

Chile: Yield, Production, and Value, 2000

Variety	-----Green ^{1/} -----		-----Red ^{2/} -----		Value of Production
	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production	Yield Per Acre	
	-----Tons-----				---\$1,000---
Paprika	—	—	9,000	1.80	12,060
Cayenne	—	—	5,500	6.88	2,200
Jalapeño ^{3/}	8,000	11.43	—	—	2,600
Long Mild ^{4/}	60,000	12.00	8,000	1.60	27,840
Long Hot	7,000	7.00	1,500	1.00	4,210
STATE	75,000	—	24,000	—	48,910

^{1/} Wet tonnage.

^{2/} Dry tonnage except cayenne which is a wet tonnage (a ratio of 8:1 can be used to convert to a dry weight).

^{3/} Includes both green and red varieties.

^{4/} Includes a small amount of bell and pimento peppers, not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.